

Warrant Article 32: Resolution regarding calling for an end to the US embargo of Cuba

Recommendation: No Recommendation, by a vote of 26-0-0.

Executive Summary:	This Warrant Article 32 resolves to urge immediate restoration of engagement with Cuba, active pursuit of collaboration and to strongly urge the MA senators and our Representative to the US House to introduce and pass legislation lifting travel restrictions.
Voting Yes will...	Resolve to urge immediate restoration of engagement with Cuba, encourage collaboration between Brookline institutions and their Cuban counterparts, and strongly urge our Senators and representative to the U.S. House to propose and pass legislation to lift travel restrictions on US citizens to Cuba and Cuban citizens to the U.S..
Voting No will...	Town Meeting would not encourage restoration of engagement with Cuba and urge Federal legislation.

Introduction and Discussion

Warrant Article 32 asks Town Meeting to reaffirm Warrant Article 20 that was passed (voting result unknown) at the Spring 2016 Town Meeting. The Spring 2016 WA20 resolved to support ending the United States' economic, commercial and financial embargo against Cuba and urged respect for Cuba's sovereignty. The petitioner believes the prior resolution should be reaffirmed because Jake Auchincloss was not our Representative in the U.S. House at the time WA20 was passed.

Recommendation

Because this warrant article is a resolution and has neither financial nor operating implications for the Town, the Advisory Committee voted 26-0-0 to make no recommendation.

ARTICLE 32 ADVISORY COMMITTEE VOTES

Article Description	Lift Cuba embargo
AC recommendation (Favorable Action unless indicated)	NO RECOMMENDATION 26-0-0
Scott Ananian	Y
Carla Benka	Y
Ben Birnbaum	Y
Harry Bohrs	Y
Cliff Brown	Y
John Doggett	Y
Katherine Florio	Y
Harry Friedman	Y
David-Marc Goldstein	Y
Neil Gordon	Y
Susan Granoff	Y
Kelly Hardebeck	Y
Anita Johnson	Y
Georgia Johnson	Y
Alisa Jonas	Y
Janice Kahn	Y
Carol Levin	Y
Pam Lodish	Y
Linda Olson Pehlke	Y
Donelle O’Neal, Sr.	Y
David Pollak	Y
Stephen Reeders	Y
Carlos Ridruejo	Y
Lee Selwyn	Y
Alok Somani	Y
Christine Westphal	Y
Dennis Doughty *	
* Chairperson does not vote except to break a tie	